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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. ITALY: ANDREOTTI SETS UP A CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC HOUSE
OF CARDS

ANDREOTTI FORMED A CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC MINORITY GOVERNMENT
JULY 29. THE CABINET WILL BE SWORN IN JULY 30; ITS SURVI-
VAL, REPORTS REUTER, WILL DEPEND ON PCI ABSTENTION IN A PAR-
LIAMENTARY VOTE OF CONFIDENCE NEXT WEEK. ANDREOTTI MET AT
LEAST ONE COMMUNIST DEMAND--THE EXCLUSION OF FORMER TREASURY
MINISTER COLOMBO, WHO THE PCI HOLDS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ECO-
NOMIC CRISIS. FORMER FOREIGN MINISTER RUMOR AND EX-PRIME
MINISTER MORO WERE ALSO DROPPED FROM THE CABINET. ARNOLDO
FORLANI MOVED FROM THE DEFENSE TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY.

MEANWHILE, IN A PRAVDA INTERVIEW JULY 30, BREZHNEV CON-
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DEMNEED WESTERN INTERFERENCE IN THE FORMATION OF THE ITALIAN

GOVERNMENT AS OUT OF STEP WITH THE FINAL ACT OF HELSINKI.

EMBASSY ROME COMMENT: THE DC APPEARS TO HAVE DONE EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO FACILITATE THE FORMATION OF A GOVERNMENT WITHIN THE LIMITS OF ITS ELECTORAL MANDATE OF NO DIRECT COMMUNIST PARTICIPATION. HOWEVER, ANDREOTTI HAS NOT FOUND A

POLITICAL CONSENSUS AND GOES TO THE PARLIAMENT UNSURE WHETHER HE HAS ENOUGH VOTES TO SURVIVE THE INITIAL VOTE OF CONFIDENCE. (CONFIDENTIAL) ROME 12228, 7/29/76.)

2. GREECE: KARAMANLIS FEELS TREMORS FROM SISMIK

IN A CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR KUBISCH JULY 28, KARAMANLIS OUTLINED THE GREEK LEGAL POSITION ON THE SISMIK VOYAGE AND ACCUSED THE TURKS OF ABORTING THE LATEST ATTEMPT AT DIALOGUE. KARAMANLIS ALSO ASSERTED:

--HE WAS UNDER PRESSURE FROM THE MILITARY FOR NOT ACTING MORE FORCEFULLY.

--"THE GREEK PEOPLE DO NOT WANT AND WILL NOT ACCEPT A WEAK LEADER WHO IGNORES PROVOCATION AND ACCEPTS HUMILIATION."

--THE ALLIES OF GREECE AND TURKEY WERE NOT DOING ENOUGH TO HEAD OFF THE SERIOUS DANGER OF A MILITARY CLASH LEADING TO ALL-OUT WAR BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

AMBASSADOR'S COMMENT: I WAS ABLE TO REGISTER WITH KARAMANLIS THE FACT THAT GREECE'S LEGAL POSITION WAS NOT AS STRONG AS HE BELIEVED. I ALSO TOLD HIM THAT THE US AND OTHER FRIENDS OF GREECE HAD BEEN VERY ACTIVE IN TRYING TO AVERT A CRISIS AND WOULD NOT AUTOMATICALLY RALLY TO GREECE'S SIDE IF IT ACTED IMPULSIVELY OR IMPRUDENTLY. (CONFIDENTIAL) ATHENS 7692 (EXDIS) 7/29.)

3. PHILIPPINES: MARCOS PUTS THE SMILE BACK INTO MARTIAL LAW

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IN A HIGHLY PUBLICIZED SPEECH JULY 28, MARCOS REITERATED THAT THE GOP WILL BE GUIDED BY THE CONSTITUTION IN IMPLEMENTING MARTIAL LAW. EMBASSY MANILA COMMENTS:

--THE SPEECH CONTRASTED WITH THE TOUGH LINE TAKEN LESS THAN A WEEK AGO BY DEFENSE SECRETARY ENRILE AND MAY EVEN HAVE BEEN A GENTLE REBUKE TO MILITARY HARDLINERS WHO ADVOCATE A CRACKDOWN ON DISSENT.

--MARCOS EVIDENTLY SAW THE NEED TO REASSURE THE PUBLIC
THAT HE DOES NOT INTEND TO DIVERGE TOO SHARPLY FROM
"SMILING MARTIAL LAW."

" --IN THE PROCESS, MARCOS RELIED ON HIS OFT-USED TACTIC
OF PROJECTING HIMSELF AS THE NATION'S BEST HOPE FOR
STAVING OFF MORE DRASTIC REPRESSION. (CONFIDENTIAL)
MANILA 11210, 7/29.)

4. BRAZILIANS SEEK END TO TROUBLE BREWING OVER COFFEE
POLICY

ACCORDING TO EMBASSY BRASILIA, THE BRAZILIAN AMBASSADOR IN
WASHINGTON HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO SEEK AN APPOINTMENT WITH
DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY KATZ TO PRESENT BRAZIL'S REASONS
FOR ITS ATTEMPTED PURCHASES OF SALVADORAN COFFEE. (LIMITED
OFFICIAL USE) BRASILIA 6647, 7/29.)

5. TURKEY STANDS IN WAY OF ARMS FOR KENYA

DEFENSE MINISTRY PERMANENT SECRETARY KIEREINI TOLD EMBASSY
NAIROBI THAT, SINCE TURKEY HAD NOT GRANTED OVERFLIGHT
CLEARANCE FOR THE AIRLIFT FROM THE UK OF BADLY NEEDED
MUNITIONS FOR KENYA, HE WOULD FLY TO LONDON JULY 29 TO
CONSULT WITH THE BRITISH ON OTHER ALTERNATIVES. (CONFIDEN-
TIAL) NAIROBI 7970 (EXDIS), 7/29.) KISSINGER

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